

Fort Des Moines Historic Complex,
Building 75
(Stable Guard)
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

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Building No. 75. Stable Guard

This structure fronted on Thayer Street and was completed on November 15, 1904, costing \$2,603.96. Built in a Classical Revival style according to the Quartermaster General's plan 39C, the structure had brick walls, a coursed rubble limestone foundation, and a slate roof. The brick was arranged in running bond, joined with red-pigmented mortar. The structure measured 34 feet by 28 feet, had stone stairs without railing leading to two doors on the north side. Adjoining the doors were two six-light double hung windows. The other sides of the structure each had two six-light double hung windows. All windows had segmental arches and limestone lug sills. The hipped roof had a corbeled chimney protruding south of its geometric center and rotated 45°. Ornamental rafter tails arranged 16 inches apart were beneath the eaves.

Building No. 75 contained 832 square feet, arranged thusly:

2 rooms, 16' x 16'
2 rooms, 10' x 16'

Stoves provided heat for the structure, and electricity provided lighting. Repair and maintenance costs were low, averaging \$8.76 per year between 1905 and 1921. In 1987 the stable guard, then vacant, still approximated its 1905 appearance. Its overall condition is good.(32)

32. Card for Building No. 75. "Historical Record of Buildings." NA, RG 77, Box No. 51. QMG Plan No. 39C was not located in NA, Cartographic Archives Division.